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The students of the House of Education now form quite a large body. We are all pioneers in one great cause, but are, and must necessarily always, be, very much scattered, we ought therefore to use every possible means to keep in touch with one another and to help on our work.

Last Easter there happened to be in Ambleside representatives of five out of the seven "years" of students, we thought this a good opportunity for holding a meeting to consider what bond could be formed to hold us all closely together.

The proposal brought forward at the meeting was that we should start an old students Magazine, later on this developed into the idea of forming a student's Association of which the Magazine should be the organ.

The aims of the association would be to keep us together as one body, to make us feel more strongly than ever that we are working collectively as well as individually, and to enable us to give and receive the mutual help which collective work ~~involves~~ implies.

Since we are all members of the P.N.E.U. and are already bound by its principles we need no further rules.

The annual subscription to the Association is to be either 3/- or 2/- the former if we have a half yearly Magazine, the latter if only a yearly. The subscriptions are to cover the working expenses of both the Association and the Magazine, and will entitle the members to one copy of each issue of the Magazine.

Miss Mason has approved of our plan and has promised to be President of the Association, she also approves of the idea of our asking some of the leading members of the P.N.E.U. to be Vice presidents.

The work of the Magazine, is, for the present at least to be carried on by a committee formed of one student from each "year" and by the editors of the Magazine. The members of the Committee are to receive the subscriptions from the students of their their own year, to get contributions for the Magazine, to circulate any letters or notices which may be sent to them and to find out the general opinion of the students on any subject under discussion.

and then to forward all information etc; to the Editor. The Editors and Committee will consult together on all matters of any importance.

The following were proposed as members of the Committee, and have already promised to act as such, Miss Parker, Miss W. Kitching, Miss K. Wood, Miss Evans, Miss Rankin, Miss Leney and Miss Watson.

The Editor is Miss Lamphier, sub-editor Miss Fagan and Natural History editor Miss S. Smyth.

We find we can get the Magazine printed for the cost of £5 for 100 copies, for this price we could have a Magazine of 40 pages, the pages to be the size of these of the P.R.

What has already been proposed on the question of subject matter is as follows.

That there should be letters or essays from old students giving some account of their work, or taking up some special point of interest in connection with it, description of places of general interest in the neighbourhood, or in fact anything which might be really interesting or helpful to the rest of the students.

That there should be an editorial giving a resume of letters or articles which there is not space enough to print in full.

That each issue should contain a House of Education letter contributed by the students in residence.

That each issue should have a letter or article from one of the vice-presidents or from some outsider to bring in outside interests.

That there should be in the first number a list of the names and addresses of all students, that there should be "notes" on the students giving change of address etc: so that we may not lose sight of one another.

That there should be a query column by means of which we should be able to help each other in any special difficulties, the answers to these queries could be sent direct to the questioner or, if noms de plume are used, through the editor.

That there should be a page of "Confessions" in which students can anonymously give instances of any marked successes or failures in their work and so help others by their experiences.

That the Editors, being responsible for what is written in the Magazine, should have full power to reject unsuitable contributions. The name suggested for the Magazine is The House of Education Magazine. Miss Mason has promised a President's Letter for the first number.

Will all students write to the Editor as soon as possible, giving their names and addresses (home and post) and also comments on the suggestions made. Any new suggestions will be ~~greatly~~^{fully} received. ~~Our~~ Our work must begin slowly and surely so that we may not have to retrace our steps, but later on when our Association and our Magazine gain a firm footing we may hope to do greater things, an Association of Students who have been trained by Miss Mason certainly ought to be a great power for good.

If possible we should get out our first Magazine some time during the summer holidays.

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If anyone has any idea in regard to a badge for the House of Education will they kindly send it.